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1. Active preparation for a Communist Party Spring campaign in Spain and consideration of plans to insure its success had been started by 6 December 1948. [REDACTED] the difficulty in obtaining armaments was the primary preoccupation of the Communists. They are counting upon a large deposit of armaments in Italy and have been studying possible ways of parachuting these supplies into Spain. By early December, however, the necessary cooperation for carrying out such an operation had not yet been obtained. In recent months, the Communists claim to have succeeded in sending into Spain large quantities of heavy armament, especially machine guns, from the Skoda factories of Czechoslovakia. 25X1X6
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5. Source has learned that some members of the Political Bureau of the Spanish Communist Party advocated the use of personal assaults prior to or concurrently with the Spring campaign. Dolores IBARRURI ("La Pasionaria") is reported to be opposed to this procedure because of the severe reprisals which would result for each Falange personality involved.

6. In early December, consideration was being given to a short trip into Spain by Dolores IBARRURI and another member of the Political Bureau.  
25X1A6a ~~Comment:~~ They would visit guerrilla units, probably in the Levante area, in an effort to raise the morale and combat spirit of these units prior to the Spring campaign. Source speculated that Francisco ANTON might be the other member selected.)

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